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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated December 3, 2003, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due on March 3, 2004, and has <u>not</u> yet been paid.

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) (the "Supplemental IDS") on October 14, 2003 in the application. To date,

Applicants have <u>not</u> yet received a copy of the Form PTO-1449, which was enclosed with the Supplemental IDS, annotated with the Examiner's initials and date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. It is submitted that the Supplemental IDS and the

cited art submitted therewith were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

Attached is a copy of each of the Supplemental IDS, the Form PTO-1449, and a date-stamped postcard showing receipt of these papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledged that the cited art has been considered and made of record by returning an annotated copy of the Form PTO-1449.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

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